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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. OR99-17401

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF)
Vipin Samar) Examiner: England, David E.
Serial No. 09/539,266) Group Art Unit: 2143
Filing Date: March 30, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
SHARING A SECURE CONNECTION)
BETWEEN A CLIENT AND MULTIPLE)
SERVER NODES)

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [x] Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed September 23, 2004.
- [] A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- [] Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
 - [] check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
 - [] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- [] Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and references.
- [x] No additional claims fees are required.

[] An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

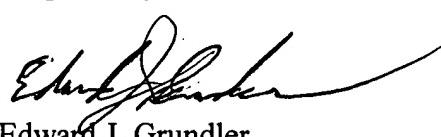
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Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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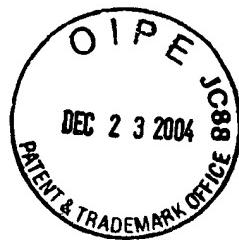
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AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **September 23, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper